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February 7, 2011

Mr. Armando G. Villa, Director
Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department
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El Centro, CA 92243-2811

Dear Mr. Villa:

**PROPOSED MESQUITE REGIONAL LANDFILL CUP NO. 06-0003
DELIVERY OF WASTE BY TRUCK HAUL
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR (SCH NO. 2007071096)**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) reviewed the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) and would like to offer its full support for the proposed project. The proposed project, among other things, would amend the current Mesquite Regional Landfill Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow receipt of up to 4,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste from materials recovery facilities and transfer stations by truck from Southern California jurisdictions.

The success of the project, as a component of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (Districts) waste-by-rail system (WBR), would benefit Southern California jurisdictions by supplementing the long term solid waste disposal options of the region. Concurrently, jurisdictions in Los Angeles County are making a concerted effort to diligently implement a variety of waste reduction and recycling programs to minimize the amount of waste in need of landfill disposal.

The Districts began a major development of a WBR consisting of local materials recovery facilities, intermodal facilities, and the Mesquite Regional Landfill in Imperial County in anticipation of a shortfall in disposal capacity in Los Angeles County. However, as indicated in the Draft SEIR, it has become apparent that a truck hauling option is necessary to provide operational flexibility to transport waste to the Mesquite Regional Landfill.

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The Districts have a track record of responsible and environmentally conscientious operational practices, and the Task Force is confident that the Districts will carry out the project in a similar manner including implementing the necessary mitigation measures identified in the Draft SEIR. Therefore, the Task Force would like to offer its full support of the Districts' efforts in pursuing the truck hauling option.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in the Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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